2. (i) Whenever any instrument referred to in Rule 1 is presented before the Registering Officer, he shall see whether the particulars referred to in Section 27 of the Mysore Stamp Act, 1900, are set forth separately in the instrument in respect of the property situated within the limits of the Thirthahalli Town Municipality as required by Section 65 of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

(ii) If the said particulars be not so separately set forth in any such instruments, the said officer must impound it and forward it to the nearest officer exercising powers of a Deputy Commissioner under Section 40 of the Mysore Stamp Act, 1900, calling his attention to Section 64 of the Mysore Stamp Act, 1900, as extended by Section 65 of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

3. (i) Every Registering Officer who registers any instrument referred to in Rule 1 shall keep an account of the duty paid in respect of each such instrument, showing separately the duty imposed by the Mysore Stamp Act, 1900, and the transfer duty imposed by the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951. If the Registering Officer has jurisdiction over more than one Municipality, separate account shall be maintained for each Municipality. In these accounts, the duty recovered by other Registering Officers in respect of properties situated in this Municipality, shall also be included.

(ii) The said accounts shall be consolidated quarterly, under the orders of the Inspector-General of Registration and each quarterly consolidased account shall be sent by him to the Accountant-General, Mysore, Bangalore, within two months after the close of the quarter.

4. If, in any case it be impossible to recover the full duty payable on any instrument referred to in Rule 1, then only such portion of the duty realised on such instrument as is in excess of duty imposed by the Mysore Stamp Act, 1900, shall be treated in the said accounts as duty imposed by Section 65 of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

5. The Accountant-General, Mysore, Bangalore, shall, within three months after the close of each quarter, arrange to pay the President of this Municipal Council so much of the duty shown in the said consolidated accounts as represents the transfer duty imposed by Section 65 of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

6. A commission of one per cent shall be paid to the State Government for the collection of transfer duty and the same shall be deducted before the payment of the amount due under these Rules to this Municipal Council.

Reviews the Administration Report of Town Municipalities in the State for the year 1952-53.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. R. 2. C. 534—53-4 dated the 18th January 1954, from the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore forwarding the Administration Report of the Town Municipalities in the State for the year 1952-53.

ORDER No. L. 15039-146—ML. 178-53-5, DATED BANGALORE, THE 15TH FEBRUARY 1954.

The report was not submitted in time and was received only after repeated reminders. The Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore is requested to get the reports in time and forward the same to Government before the due dates.

2. At the end of the year, there were 105 town municipalities in the State. The constitution of Y. N. Hoskote village in Pavagada Taluk into a municipality was under consideration. All the town municipalities were reconstituted during the year as per the provisions of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

3. The total number of members of the several municipalities in all the Districts at the end of the year was 1,763. The total number of meetings held by all the municipal councils during the year was 2,453 and the average attendance at each meeting was 11·4.

4. The municipal councils were requested to frame the bye-laws and rules on the basis of the model bye-laws and rules issued by Government. Many of the bye-laws and rules sanctioned by Government were brought into force in several municipalities.

5. The year opened with a balance of Rs. 19,35,095 in all the municipalities. The income and expenditure amounted to Rs. 93,10,155 and Rs. 77,25,327 respectively, the closing balance being Rs. 15,84,828. The financial position of most of the municipalities was unsatisfactory and attempts should be made to augment the financial resources of the municipalities. The average incidence of taxation per head of population in the municipalities was Rs. 3-12-6.

6. Out of the total demand of Rs. 57,42,339 in all the municipalities including arrears under assessed tax, a sum of Rs. 40,59,958 was collected during the year. leaving a balance of Rs. 16,82,381. Collections were far from satisfactory in the municipalities except in Mysore, Tumkur, Chitaldrug, Chickmagalur and Mandya Districts. Arrears outstanding are very heavy in Tumkur District.

7. The sum of Rs. 4,00,000 each provided in the State Budget for the year 1952-53 for town improvement and water-supply, respectively, was sanctioned to several municipalities and also the sum of Rs. 2,00,000 provided in the State Budget was advanced to certain town municipalities as loans for taking up drainage and water-supply works.

8. Further a supplemental grant of Rs. 50,00,000 was voted by the Legislature and was distributed to several town municipalities as loans for taking up water-supply schemes.

9. The revision of assessment was not given effect to in most of the town municipalities in the State. They are requested to take immediate action in the matter in the interest of augmenting their revenues, which is far from satisfactory.

10. The accounts of most of the municipalities for the years ranging from 1949-50 to 1951-52 were audited during the year under review.

11. There were cases of embezzlement in Mulbagal and Manchanahalli Town Municipalities.

12. The working of the municipalities during the year was fairly satisfactory. But it is observed that there is a growing tendency to look to Government for financial assistance either in the form of grants and loans for every small improvement work to be taken up. It is the fervent desire of Government that the town municipalities which are self-governing institutions become self-supporting. They have to carefully examine all possible sources of increasing their income by adopting the model bye-laws and rules, taking up improvement works such as construction of markets, bus-stands, etc., which are not only civic amenities but also will be a source of permanent revenue and further they have to practise economy and discharge their obligatory duties efficiently and satisfactorily.

13. The Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to keep continuous contact with town municipalities by frequent inspections and assist them to maintain a high level of efficiency in the field of local administration.

G. V. K. RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government and
Planning Departments.

Approves of the rules to regulate the Grant of Loans to members of the Depressed Classes to assist them to carry on Agricultural operations or start small Cottage Industries.

READ—

Government Order No. L. B. 9674-93—A. D. C. 16-53-20, dated the 30th October 1953, approving, among other things of the utilisation of a part of the grant provided under 40 A. Rural Development, 5 works outlay, (*iii*) Depressed Class Housing, for grant of loans for providing the members of the Depressed Classes with bullocks, carts, agricultural implements, manures, seeds, etc., for the purchase of cows, sheep, poultry, breeding bulls and for assistance to start Cottage Industries.

2. Letter No. R6. C. 27—53-54, dated 21st September 1953, from the Commissioner for Local Self-Government, requesting approval to the rules to regulate the grant of loans as above to members of the Depressed Classes.

ORDER No. L.B. 12409-24—A.D.C. 16-53-37, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST JANUARY 1954.

The rules are approved as set out in the Annexure to this order.

Urgent action may be taken to utilise the allotments sanctioned for the purpose in the Government Order, dated 30th October 1953, fully.

G. V. K. RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government and
Planning Departments.